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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FROM PRESIDENT NEV

The meeting on May 7 had good attendance. Following Rotary Grace, President Nev provided the International Toast to The Rotary Club of Mexico City, Mexico. This was because this summer, Mexico will become the first country to host 3 football world cups. However the economic reality is, it will only be the people who have the most means who will be able to attend. Of the 104 matches in this year's World Cup, four will be played in Monterrey, four in Guadalajara, and five at the newly renovated Banorte Stadium in Mexico City, including the opening match between Mexico and South Africa. When FIFA released a second round of tickets in April, prices for the first game in Mexico, on June 11, ranged from US \$3,000 to US \$10,000. The sky-high ticket costs are unaffordable for most Mexicans, with an average monthly income of US \$2,000.

FUN TIMES

Heads & Tails was won by Warren Bolton. The Card Draw was won by Jack Hayhurst who drew the Ace of Hearts. The Jackpot stands at over \$134.

SERGEANTS SESSION

Graham Lindsay was this week's special presenter as Sergeant. Graham spoke of how the Japanese saw New Guinea as having major

significance in WW2 & therefore aimed to establish a defensive perimeter, sever Allied supply lines between the US & Australia, & protect its major base at Rabaul. The Japanese had expanded their key efforts including isolating Australia to force a peace, expanding southward into the South Pacific, and using "Operation Mo" to seize strategic airfields like Port Moresby. Had they been successful, the world would look very much different today! This was a most educational, interesting & well presented session. Thank you Graham!

GUEST PRESENTERS

This week's guest presenter was Wayne Dean, a member of Gosford North Rotary, who was accompanied by John Durman. Wayne, as senior presenter, explained the true significance of the major works performed by Members of both Gosford & Gosford North Rotary Clubs in establishing Aid Posts, Accommodation, School Buildings & the Kokoda Hospital in some of the most remote areas of Papua New Guinea. Both Wayne & John, who brought along several pieces of local hand crafts & tools, had been many times to New Guinea themselves over a number of years & had worked extensively on the building works that have been so important to the local communities. Our own Club Members John Philips, Geoff Grenfell & Barry Henwood had also been to assist in the work. In fact, it's understood that John Philips had been to the work face in New Guinea upwards of 30 times.

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	<p><u>MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>PARTNERS BIRTHDAYS</u></p> <p>4 MAY Cheryl Devlin</p> <p>17 MAY ANNA HENWOOD</p> <p>31 MAY PERLA GRIFFITH</p>	<p><u>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES</u></p>	<p><u>ROTARY INDUCTIONS</u></p> <p>6 MAY WARREN BOLTON</p> <p>9 MAY NEVILLE BARRETT</p> <p>17 MAY PETER MOORE</p>
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Of course, John Philips, as all others, paid his own way! This was indeed a major project which was made up of many individual projects to ensure that the work was completed. The amount of pictorial evidence & supporting text is enormous, & it is hoped that this potentially becomes a book that will ensure that the hard work & commitment of so many is not forgotten. The vote of thanks was given by PP Bob Thomas.



WAYNE, JOHN & PP BOB

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE



UPCOMING EVENTS

14 MAY 2026

Club Assembly

21 MAY 2026

TBA

28 MAY 2026

Rachael Kelleher & John Elliot RYDA

Sat/Sun 30-31 MAY 2026

The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

Collection Weekend

Sat/Sun 6-7 JUNE 2026

Harvest Festival BBQ

Goodmayes Orchard Keighley Ave

Somersby

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(Of the things we think, say or do)

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"



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Oh, Lord and Giver of all good,
We thank thee for our daily food.
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,
Help us to serve thee all our days.